

TIPS for Servicemembers

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- If anyone threatens to repossess your car, tell them that you are on active duty and get legal assistance right away. A court may stop or delay repossession while you are on active duty. A court may also order the lessor to return some or all of your payments before allowing it to repossess your vehicle.
- California law gives you a right to defer payments on a car loan or lease during military service. If you are at risk of repossession, consider deferring your payments or, in the case of a lease, terminating your lease. For more information contact your installation legal assistance office.

Additional Resources

Ask your base legal office for help. For the legal office's contact information, ask your command or visit the Armed Forces Legal Assistance Program website at <https://legalassistance.law.af.mil/>.

California National Guard personnel can also get help from the State Staff Judge Advocate's Office - go to <http://www.calguard.ca.gov/> for contact information.

For information on civilian legal aid resources, go to <http://www.lawhelpca.org>.

The Attorney General's Office cannot give legal advice, but filing a consumer complaint is helpful because it alerts the Office to consumer issues and may help with the Office's investigations. File a complaint with the Attorney General's Office at <https://oag.ca.gov/consumers> or (800) 952-5225.

For more information about military consumer protection, visit <https://oag.ca.gov/consumers/general/military>.

For questions regarding the Department of Justice, contact the Public Inquiry Unit at (916) 210-6276 (voice), or (800) 952-5225 (toll-free in California).